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To: Microsoft ATR
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I have been in the computer industry in a number of capacities since 1958 when it was in its infancy and am retired from IBM.

It was absolutely unconcionable that you went after Microsoft in the first place. They were and are guilty of one thing: developing and producing the best products available. Microsoft products have been chosen by most businesses and consumers because they are the best.

It appears that the Justice Department feels your charter is to find successful businesses and cripple them. How that helps the consumer is beyond me.

The "settlement" that has been agreed to by Microsoft, you, and 9 states, is generous on the part of Microsoft and much more than the governments invovled should get.

I urge the judge to accept the agreement and end this whole debacle.

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